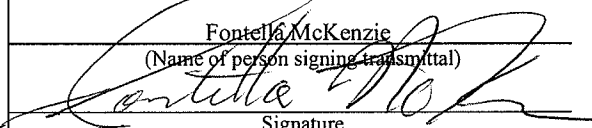


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Applicants : Masato Shimakawa, et al.
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**AMENDMENT SUBMITTED WITH REQUEST
FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION**

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on September 28, 2007, having three-month statutory period for response set to expire on December 28, 2007, Applicants submit herewith a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) and an electronic payment in the amount of \$810.00 as payment of the RCE fee. Please amend the above-identified application as follows.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 4 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 12 of this paper.